Quarterly Detailed Report of Foster Care Monthly Caseworker Visits (MCV)

Description of Report Sections

The detailed MCV report lists (along with the county number) the SIS Client IDs of all children under 19 years of age for whom the county had placement authority during the Federal fiscal year. This list reflects data as it existed in CPPS as of September 30, 2009. It includes children who turned 18 between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009 (5.26% of the foster care population). It also includes children for whom (for reasons specified previously) the county *may* not be able to enter visits into MRS (all together, only 5.79% of the population). In a few cases where one of these children was the subject of a CPS Assessment prior to the current placement episode, and a "210 record" was established in MRS, it could be possible to record caseworker visits in MRS, even though the current placement episode is the result of voluntary relinquishment or placement, etc. It is important to note that, when considering the children on this list, if data impacting Placement Authority Begin and End Dates was entered after September 30, 2009, it would not be reflected in this report. Any such changes made after September 30, 2009 and before 5:00 PM on November 30, 2009 will be reflected in the final data submission to ACF.

The detailed report also includes three sections of data regarding months in care and visits recorded in MRS.

The first section (to the right of the list of SIS Client IDs, in Columns C through N of the Excel spreadsheet) shows, for each child, the months that the child was in care for the entire calendar month. If the child was in care for an entire calendar month, it will be indicated by a "1" in the column for that month. If the child was not in care during a particular month, or was in care, but not for the entire calendar month, a "0" will be entered for that month. A sum of the values ("1" or "0") in these columns yields the number of full months the child was in care for the entire period. (Again, data in this section reflects data in CPPS as of September 30, 2009.)

The next section of the report (Columns O through Z of the spreadsheet) shows, for each child, whether or not, *for each full month the child was in care*, at least one caseworker visit has been recorded in MRS. A "1" under a particular month indicates at least one visit date falling within that month (*a full month of care*) was recorded in MRS. Likewise, a "0" indicates that no visits for dates falling within that month were entered in MRS. (Note that visits recorded in MRS for a month that the child was *not* in care for a full month are ignored and are not reflected in the data, as these visits have no impact on the Measure 1 score.) A sum of the values in these columns yields the number of full months in care that each child was visited (at least once each month). Unlike the placement (CPPS) data, information in this section reflects data entered into MRS through October 16, 2009. Visits entered in MRS since then will not be reflected until the final report is run for submission to ACF.

The third section of the report (Columns AA through AL of the spreadsheet) shows, for each child, during which s/he was in care for a full calendar month, the months at least one of the

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visits (if any) were made in the child's residence. Again, a "1" indicates at least one such visit; a "0" indicates no "in-home" visit for that month. A sum of the values in this column yields the number of full months in care that each child was visited (at least once) in their place of residence for the FFY. Like the previous section, "in-home" visits made for a month the child was not in care a full calendar month are ignored, and visit data entered in MRS through October 16, 2009 is reflected.

Summary Sections and Measure 1 and 2 Score Calculations

The final two sections of the report (Columns AN through AP and Columns AR through AV) contain the calculations necessary to determine the Measure 1 and Measure 2 scores. The steps involved in the calculations follow:

1) In Col. AN, the values in the first data section are summed to determine the number of full months in care for each child.

2) In Col. AO, the values in the second data section are summed to determine the number of full months in care for which at least one visit was recorded.

3) In Col. AP, the values in the third data section are summed to determine the number of full months in care that at least one visit occurred in the child's place of residence.

4) The formula in Col. AR determines whether or not the child is included in the Measure 1 denominator. It looks at the value in Col. AN (number of full months in care). If the value is greater than 0, the child counts in the denominator and a value of "1" is entered in Col. AR. Otherwise, a value of "0" is entered.

5) The formula in Col. AS determines whether or not the child is included in the Measure 1 numerator. It compares the value in Col. AO (full months in care where at least one visit occurred) to the value in Col. AN (number of full months in care). If the two values are equal (that is, a visit for each and every full month in care) the child counts in the numerator and a value of "1" is entered in Col. AS. Otherwise, a value of "0" is entered. Note that missing a visit for only one full month in care causes the child to be excluded from the numerator. No credit is earned for making caseworker visits *some* of every full months in care.

6) The formula in Col. AT determines for each child, the number of "Visit-Months". This value is used as the Measure 2 denominator. A Visit-Month is defined as a full month in care where at least one caseworker visit occurred *for each and every full month in care*. In other words, Visit-Months are calculated *only* for those children visited each and every full month they were in care. Again, no credit is earned toward Visit-Months for children who are not visited each and every full month they are in care. In other words, visits made for children who were not visited each and every full month in care are not considered at all in the Measure 2 calculation.

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7) The values in Col. AU are simply a check of the "Visit-Months" calculation, arrived at by a different formula.

8) The values in Col. AV are used to determine the Measure 2 numerator. The formula looks at the Col. AT value (Visit-Months) to see if it is greater than "0". If so, the value from Col. AP (sum of the full months in care where at least one visit was made in the child's residence) is entered into Col. AV.

To obtain the Measure 1 and Measure 2 scores, the values in each of Cols. AR, AS, AT and AV are first summed. The Measure calculations are:

Measure 1

(Children visited each and every full month in care ∕ Children in care at least one full month) x 100

Or

(Sum of Col. AS ∕ Sum of Col. AR) x 100

Measure 2

(Sum of Visit-Months where the child was visited in the home ∕ Sum of Visit-Months) x 100

Or

(Sum of Col. AV ∕ Sum of Co. AT) x 100